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MICHIANA'S LESBIAN NEWSLETTER

Lesbian/Bisexual/Gay March in Washington

Friday, March 5th is the deadline for making hotel and train reservations. There are 14 spots still available at $175. per person.

HOTEL ACCOM: Sat., Apr. 24th and Sun., Apr. 25th at EconoLodge N.E. on New York Ave. Hotel is not wheelchair accessable. 1 1/4 miles from Capitol. Has indoor pool. Will use Metro-rail to get around, Hotel is on Red Line, "Pocket Guide of Metro-rail will be supplied.

TRAIN: Depart South Bend Fri., Apr. 23 @ 7:14 p.m., Arrive Wash., D.C. Sat., Apr. 24 @ 10:42 a.m.,

Depart Wash., D.C. Mon., Apr. 26 @ 12:05 p.m., Arrive New York, Mon., Apr. 26 @3:30 p.m., (Switch Trains) Depart New York, Mon., Apr. 26 @ 7:45 p.m. Arrive South Bend Tues., Apr., 27 @ 12:41 p.m.

Questions: Call Marcia at 287-1302 (H), 289-9253 (W).

HERSTORY: Bessie Coleman, 1893-1926

In 1922, Bessis Coleman became the first licensed Black pilot anywhere. She had to learn French and go to France in 1921 for flight lessons because women and Black men were not allowed in the new field of aviation at that time. When she returned to the U.S. she put on flight exhibitions and performed in stunt shows to raise money for her own flight school for Black Americans. In 1926, Coleman's plane crashed while she was preparing for an exhibition in Florida.

LESBIAN at HUD

Roberta Achtenberg has been nominated by President Clinton for the position of Assistant Secretary for Fair Housing and Equal Development at the Department of Housing and Urban Development. Achtenberg will become the highest-ranking openly lesbian official in the history of executive branch if confirmed by the Senate.

LESBIANS AND GAYS IN THE MILITARY

The religious right has sent out 25,000 notices to their church members to lobby members of Congress and the President against lifting the ban on homosexuals in the military. Sen. Dan Coats is one of the senators leading the opposition to the President. Write President Clinton and Congressperson at:

☞ Michigan

Senator Donald Riegle, Jr., 105 Dirksen Office Bldg., Washington, D.C., 20510 or call 1-202-224-4822

Senator Carl Levin, 459 Russell Senate Bldg., Washington, D.C. 20510 or call 1-202-224-6221.

Representative Fred Upton, 2439 Rayburn Bldg., Washington, D.C., 20515 or call 1-202-225-3761 (Local: 421 Main St., Joseph, MI call 1-616-982-1983)

☞ Indiana

Senator Dan Coats, 404 Russell Bldg., Washington, D.C. 20510, or call 1-202-224-5623 (Indianapolis : 1-317-226-5555)

Senator Richard Lugar, 306 Hart Bldg., Washington, D.C. 20510 or call 1-202-224-4814 (Indianapolis: 1-317-226-5555)

Representative Tim Roemer, 415 Cannon House Office Bldg., Washington, D.C. 20515 or call 1-202-225-3915 or 1-800-439-3518 (Local: 217 N. Main St., South Bend, IN 46601 or call 288-3301)

President Bill Clinton, White House, 1600 Pennsylvania Ave., Washington, D.C. 20500 or call 1-202-456-1414

WHOOPI

Whoopi Goldberg has publicly supported theboycott of Colorado and includes homo sexuals as her guest (k d lan and Elton John). Support her show by writing : The Whoopi Golderg Show, c/o The Lippin Group, 230 Park Ave., Suite550, New York, NY 10169.

NATIONAL WOMEN'S MUSIC FESTIVAL IN BLOOMINGTON

June 3rd-6th

Registration forms may be ordered from the following address: Conference Registrar, Indiana University Conference Bureau, IMU 677, Bloomington, IN 47405.

Place: Milton Township Hall, Niles, MI
Date: March 27, 1993
Time: 8:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.
Admission: $6.00 at the Door ONLY
(no advance tickets)

A Wimmin's Event

Refreshments
Door Prizes

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Black and White Attire

Volunteers Needed
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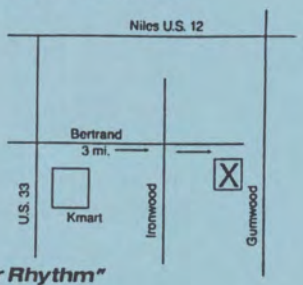
BYOB



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LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP

Tuesdays, 7-9 P.M.
For information write: LSG, P .O. Box 1281,
Niles, MI 49120

LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP WILL BE HELD AT THIS TIME AND PLACE UNTIL OTHERWISE NOTIFIED.

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

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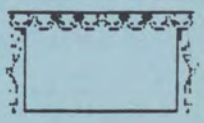
Parisis
on U. S. 23

March 19th
7 P.M.

For reservations
call Lu or Sheree by March 21st
at a NEW TELEPHONE NUMBER
(616)- 684-6365



VIDEO NIGHT

THE LITTLE GIRL WHO LIVES DOWN THE LANE

Jodie Foster plays a cool 13 year old who lives alone and displays amazing wit and cunning. She is a true survivor. (2 hrs.)

Drinking is O.K.
Smoking outside
Bring snacks to share

March 12 th.
7 P.M.

Gloria and Julie's home
Call for directions
(616) 684-4011

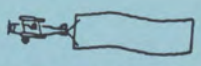
GAME NIGHT

Game Night for March has been canceled due to the dance and other community events.
April's Game Night will be at Kaye and Marsha's

SUNDAY BRUNCH

Sunday Brunch successfully returned last month with 19 womyn in attendance. Good food, and a few new faces at a social function added up to a good time. We apologize for any inconveniences, but we do learn from mistakes and any suggestions. The consensus of the first group was for every other month at a later time, so the next Sunday Brunch will be April 4,1993 at Calamity Janes, 2828 LWE Mishawaka (about two blocks east of Capital Av) at 11:00 a.m. Cost is $7.50 + drink + 15% gratuity added on check.

For Reservations
Call Kaye or Marcia at 271-0338 before April 1.
Specify: Smoking or non-smoking



EVENTS COORDINATORS

3rd Friday Out: Lu & Sheree (616) 684-6365
Wimin's Video Night: Gloria & Julie
(616) 684-4011
Game Night: Sheree (616) 684-6365
Sunday Brunch: Kaye 271-0338

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For more information call:
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Sebrina at 282-2407

BLACK INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

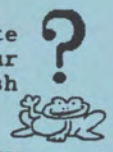
March 17 - 21

at I.U.S.B.

There will be at least 60 films shown at this festival. All films shown must be anti-racist, anti-sexist and not homophobic. About 12 of the films deal with women's issues and there are some on lesbian and gay issues. Tickets can be purchased for 1 or more films.

TRIVIA QUESTION

How many out lesbian or gay federal or state congresspersons can you name? Send your answers in to the P.O. Box and we will publish them next month.



Is there a trivia question you would like answered? Send it in to the P.O. Box and we will put it in a future issue.

ST. MARY'S COLLEGE WOMEN'S SPORTS
SPRING HOME SCHEDULE

SOFTBALL

3/19	St. Francis Coll	3:00 p.m.	Fri.
3/26	Anderson Univ	3:00 p.m.	Fri.
3/31	Hope College	3:00 p.m.	Wed.
4/3	No. Central Coll	1:00 p.m.	Sat.
4/8	Manchester Coll	3:30 p.m.	Thur.
4/26	Kalamazoo Coll	3:00 p.m.	Mon.

TENNIS

3/31	Kalamazoo Coll	3:00 p.m.	Wed.
4/3	Hillsdale Coll	1:00 p.m.	Sat.
4/14	Univ of Chicago	3:00 p.m.	Wed.
4/24	Wheaton Coll	TBA	Sat.
4/24	Depauw Univ.	TBA	Sat.
4/26	Hope College	3:30 p.m.	Mon.

PLEASE TYPE SUBMISSIONS IF POSSIBLE

If it is possible for you to type your submissions on a letter quality typewriter or printer, please do so using a 55 space line. This will make layout of the newsletter easier for our staff. Thanks.

NOTRE DAME WOMEN'S BASKETBALL - HOME SCHEDULE

3/4	Butler	7:30 p.m.	Thr.
3/6	Evansville	2:00 p.m.	Sat.
3/8-10	Midwestern Collegiate Conf. Championship at N.D.		

Branching OUT Productions

A very special evening with **Margie Adam & Heather Bishop** with special guest comedienne, Marilyn Pittman. Margie Adam will be celebrating the release of her new recording "**Another Place.**" Treat yourself to an effortless balance of humor, politics and passion.

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OPEN ARMS DEADLINE/MEETING

The deadline for submissions for the APRIL **Open Arms is** MARCH **10th. Submissions can be mailed to Open Arms, P.O. Box 845, Mishawaka, IN 46546 or given to any O. A. staff member. Submissions received after** MARCH **10th may not be published in the** APRIL **newsletter.**

Newsletter meeting: NEW DATE AND TIME--Sunday, MARCH **14, 1993 at 2121 Hollywood Place, South Bend, 6:00 p.m. Call Jeanne, 287-5071 for directions.**

MICHIGAN CIVIL RIGHTS BILL FOR HOMOSEXUALS

Rep. David Hollister, D-Lansing and Rep. Lynn Jondahl, D-Okemos, will introduce a bill to add "sexual orientation" to Michigan's civil rights law. The pro-family lobby and conservative Republican lawmakers have vowed to kill the bill in committee.

To let Representatives Hollister and Jondahl and other legislators know you support the bill, write to: Rep. Glenn Oxender (R), Rep. Carl Gnodtke (R), Rep. Lad Stacey (R), Rep. Mary Brown (D), and/or Sen. Harry Gast, Jr.

AT: The Honorable (First and last name), Michigan Senate, P.O.Box 30036, Lansing, MI 48909

AND: The Honorable....., Michigan House of Representatives, P.O.Box 30014, Lansing, MI 48909

AGENDA SETTING MEETING

The 2/8 agenda setting meeting sponsored by the NOW Lesbian & Gay Committee was attended by 32 people from 17 area organizations: Courage to Heal Task Force, Gay/Lesbian Coalition, Indiana Youth Group, Leather Group, Lesbian/Gay Committee of the Library, Lesbian Support Group, My Brother's House, Notre Dame/St. Mary's Student Group, Notre Dame Gay Alumni, NOW, Open Arms, OUT-IUSB, P-FLAG, Pride Action Committee, Spectrum, Sunday Bunch, Women's International League for Peace and Freedom.

Each representative described their organization and listed issues or projects their membership felt were important. The issues raised can loosely be grouped into the following categories: 1) Gender issues, 2) Making information on area groups and resources available, 3) Youth issues, 4) Building community unity, 5) Political/legislative issues, 6) Community building and involvement.

After consultation with various members of the O.A. community, the following were listed as our primary concerns: 1) Restoration of a Lesbian/Gay Hotline or Resource Line, 2) Preparation of a directory of lesbian/gay/non-homophobic business and professional people in -he Michaian area, 3) Education on homophobia for the general community and specifically for the medical, law enforcement and legal communities, 4) Enactment of domestic partnership laws, 5) Establishment of a safe house for victims of same-sex domestic violence and for people ejected from their parental homes after coming out to parents, 6) Working with the general community on affordable health care issues.

Because so many issues were raised by those attending the meeting and so many individual projects were suggested, the group will meet again on Monday, April 5th at the St. Joseph County Library, 304 S. Main, South Bend, basement conference room from 7 - 9 p.m. to attempt to agree on group priorities.

MICHIGAN PASSES ANTI-STALKING LAWS

The Michigan legistature has passed four new laws to protect people from other individuals who repeatedly harass, terrorize, intimidate, threaten or frighten them.

Western Michigan University's Tenth Annual Lesbian and Gay Awareness Days will sponsor one lesbian-gay event every evening March 13th-20th. The events include comedy, movies, panel discussions for children and teens, and a dance. All events are free and open to the public. For more information call Alliance for Lesbian and Gay Support 616-387-2134

COLORADO BOYCOTT

COMEDIAN PAULA POUNDSTONE is protesting Colorado's anti homosexual amendment by putting these messages on billboards in Colorado Springs:

"Hate takes way too much energy."

"Maybe you misunderstood the question. No one is asking you to have sex with gay people, just to give them equal protection under the law. Oh, my golly, I made a mistake. Care for one another."

WHO'S LOOKING OUT FOR US?

More women than men will face poverty when they retire because pension plans and Social Security discriminate against them, says a congressional report. Almost half of the elderly women living alone by 2020 will have incomes of less than $9,500 in today's dollars. (USA Today, 9/25)

DYKES ON DALLAS POLICE FORCE

A Texas state appeals count ruled in February that the police department could not use the state's sodomy law to bar hiring homosexuals. However, the Dallas police department said they would continue to ask applicants about homosexual conduct which is considered a Class C misdemeaner. This suit was filed against the police department 3 1/2 years ago by lesbian police officer Mica England.

LESBIAN NOVELIST

The author of "Oranges Are Not The Only Fruit", Jeanette Winterson, has written four other novels, the most recent being, "Written on the Body". Winterson is profiled in the March issue of OUT.

LESBIAN AND GAY AA GROUPS

Sundays - Elkhart General Hospital
Renaissance Unit
2nd Floor
7 p.m.

Mondays - First Unitarian Church
101 E. Northshore
South Bend
7 p.m.
(1st meeting of the month is an open meeting)

Saturdays - First Unitarian Church
101 E. Northshore
South Bend
8 p.m.

LESBIAN AND GAY BOOKS AT THE ST. JOSEPH COUNTY LIBRARY

BOOKS FOR TEENS

Share this list with a young person. These books for young adults are good reading for any age! (Reading out-loud under the covers can be a nice way to spend a cold, winter night!) Books with * are available at Mishawaka Library. (South Bend cardholders have borrowing privileges at Mishawaka libraries and vice versa.)

FICTION

Annie On My Mind by Nancy Garden. Giroux, 1982.
Arizona Kid by Ron Koertge. Little, Brown. 1988.
Happy Endings Are All Alike by Sandra Scoppettone. Harper and Row, 1978.
I'll Love You When You're More Like Me by M.E. Kerr. Harper and Row, 1977
Night Kites by M.E. Kerr. Harper and Row, 1986.
Weetzie Bat by Francesca Block. Harper and Row, 1989.
Witch Baby by Francesca Block. Harper Colins, 1991.
What Happened to Mr. Forster? by Gary Bargar. 1981.
Hey, Dollface by Deborah Hautzig. Greenwillow, 1978.
Man Without A Face by Isabelle Holland. 1980.
Separate Peace by John Knowles. 1959.
Other Side of the Fence by Jean Ure.1988.
Confessions of a Teenage Baboon by Paul Zindel. 1977.
Patience and Sarah by Isabel Miller. McGraw Hill, 1969.
Rubyfruit Jungle by Rita Mae Brown. Daughters Press, 1973.
Giovanni's Room by James Baldwin. Dial Press, 1956.
Ruby by Rosa Guy. Viking Press, 1976.

SOME LESBIAN/GAY TITLES ON THE NEW BOOK SHELF:

Daughters of the Great Star by Diana Rivers. Lace, 1992 (in cataloging) Science Fiction.
Love, Zena Beth by Diane Salvatore. Naiad, 1992. Fiction.
Jay Loves Lucy by Fiona Cooper. Serpent's Tail, 1992. Fiction.
Legal Tender by Marion Foster. Firebrand, 1992. Mystery.
Empathy by Sarah Schulman. Dutton, 1992. Fiction.
A Stone Gone Mad by Jacquelyn Park. Random House, 1991.
Under the Southern Cross by Claire McNab. Naiad, 1992.

NEXT MONTH: March on Washington - April 25
Books on Lesbian/Gay Rights

LESBIAN SURVEYS

☞ A Black lesbian feminist is looking for all kinds of information on Black lesbian culture, such as coming out stories, myths, play, building community, etc. Typed or handwritten, no restrictions on length. For more information : Terri Jewell, P.O.Box 23154, Lansing, MI 48909; 1-517-485-3500.

☞ Lesbian graduate student collecting information on our sexual experiences, identity and impact of HIV/AIDS on lesbian behavior. Write for a copy of the survey at: University of California, Wimin's Resource Center, 250 Golden Bear Center, Berkeley, CA 94720

FOR EVERY WOMAN WHO HAS EVER WONDERED ABOUT LESBIANISM

CLAIRE OF THE MOON is advertised as "one woman's journey into her sexual identity." Produced and directed by Nicole Conn, the new lesbian movie is currently being shown at the following theaters: Music Box Theater, 3733 N. Southport, Chicago, Il (June 11th-24th); The Irving Theater, Indianapolis, IN (March 12); The Downer Theater, Milwaukee, Wisc. (Apr. 2nd-8th). The video will be released sometime in 1994. For more information about other theater or film merchandise call NAIAD PRESS at 1-800-533-1973.

NON-FICTION

362.1969 19697 K958f — Fighting Back: What Some People are Doing About Aids by Susan Kuklin. Putnams, 1989.

301.415 051 — One Teenager in Ten: Writings by Gay and Lesbian Youth. Alyson, 1983.

306.7662 F991s — Sudden Strangers: The Story of a Gay Son and His Father by Aaron Fricke. St. Martins, 1989.

306.76 C678 — When Someone You Know is Gay by Susan Cohen. Evans, 1989

306.766 H191w — A Way of Life, A Way of Love: A Young Person's Introduction to What It Means To Be Gay by Frances Hanekel and John Cunningham. Lothrop, Lee and Shepard Books, 1979.

301.4152 F165 — Now That You Know: What Every Parent Should Know About Homosexuality by Betty Fairchild and Nancy Hayward. Harcourt Brace and Javonovich. 1979.

301.427 S56f — A Family Matter: A Parents Guide to Homosexuality by Charles Silverstein. McGraw-Hill, 1978.

612.6007 K296l — Learning About Sex: The Contemporary Guide for Young Adults by Gary F. Kelly. Barrons, 1986.

613.04 B675on — The New Our Bodies, Ourselves. Boston Women's Health Books Collective. Simon and Schuster, 1992.

VC 301.415 R272b — Word Is Out: Stories Of Some Of Our Lives. (VIDEO) San Francisco. 130 mins.

JUST THE FACTS

by Penny S. Lorio

Dear Friends,

I hope this letter finds it's way to you. I would have written sooner, but I just couldn't take the risk. You see, there's been some trouble and, well frankly, I'm on the lam. The fashion Police are hot on my trail and I'm laying low 'til the heat's off.

To tell you the truth, being a fugitive is not a glamorous lifestyle; hanging around the railroad yard, sharing a can of beans with a skinny dog, trading stories with a smelly guy named Ernie. (Although he did teach me to spit.) But don't worry about me, I'm getting along. Though I can't tell you where I am, let's just say that I've gone underground. In fact, I've hooked up with a group of people, (fugitives like myself), who've helped me learn the artful dodge and keep one step ahead of the law.

We meet in darkened alleys. How conspicuous would we be in the daylight? A band of flood-panted, plaid-wearing, bell-bottomed renegades. You see, fashion is not a matter of personal expression, it's the law.

My story is much the same as any told by other fashion misfits I've met on the streets. This is what happened...

In the beginning it was nothing more than a bad hair day. After twenty minutes in front of the mirror, my hair still looked like it had been styled with a switchblade. With a shrug I shuffled off to the closet, selected a faded olive-green tee shirt, and an oversize, turquoise, button-down shirt. (Actually, there were two buttons missing, but I never button my over-shirts anyway.) Between the mattress and box-springs a pair of brown slacks had been pressed while I slept. I slipped on the pants, stepped into my high-tops, and I was out the door.

On the bus, a young boy in the seat across from me was busily working the buttons on his Game-boy. I was just gazing out the window when I felt his eyes. "What?" I asked, turning to look at him

"Are you a girl or a boy?" he asked boldly.

"I'm a woman," I corrected politely.

Obviously my lesson in feminism went over his head. "You don't look like a girl," he said.

"Take my word for it."

Perhaps I should have seen his remarks as a sign. But I had other things on my mind. I was on my way downtown to finish wallpapering an office, and I was more preoccupied with spending money I didn't yet have than winning the approval of a ten year old. Besides, what do kids know, anyway? Life isn't a beauty contest.

By a quarter of nine, I was on my ladder plumbing an eleven foot length of paper into a crooked corner. Polly, the woman who'd hired me to do the job, poked her head in the room. "How's it going?"

"Fine," I answered, putting a level against the left side of the sheet.

"Did you get dressed in the dark?," she teased.

I turned around. "Huh?"

"Who taught you to match colors?"

"Will I be graded for this? Or is wardrobe extra-credit?," I cracked.

She'd started to answer when we heard the sirens swarming through the neighborhood. "What the..?" I jumped off my ladder and ran to the window. There were at least a dozen police cars, all screeching to a stop on the street in front of our building. "What's going on?," I wondered aloud.

"Get away from the window," Polly cried, grabbing my arm.

"Don't you recognize those cars?"

"What ? Huh?," I yelled as she pulled me down on the floor. "What is going on?"

"The Fashion Police," she hissed. "Somebody must have turned you in."

"Why, the dirty snitch. I'll get even for this." Suddenly I stopped. What the hell was I talking about? "Fashion Police?"

"You gotta get outta here," she said. "If they nab you, you'll end up in the Big House."

My pulse was racing wildly. "The Big House?," I gulped.

Polly's eyes met mine squarely. "Donna's House-o-Beauty. You don't even want to know what goes on behind those walls."

"What?," I asked, incredulous.

Polly shook her head. "Pedicures, manicures, makeovers, permanents. No one's ever the same when they get through with you at the Big House. That's why you gotta run."

My voice was a pitch higher. "Where?"

"I don't know, just get out of here." Polly gave me a push. I ran out the door, but I spotted a six-pack of uniforms charging up the stairs. I dashed back into the office. "What do I do, Polly?"

"I don't know," she cried. "Wait! The window!" She ran to lock the door, buying us some time. "Open it! Quick!"

"I'm not going out the window!"

"Do you want to be strapped into a bustier?"

I didn't even know what a bustier was, but I was fairly sure I didn't want to be strapped into one. I lifted the sash and stepped cautiously out onto the ledge.

On the street below, one of the cops bellowed into a bullhorn. "Don't jump!"

Jump? I was praying for wings. Standing on the ledge, knees knocking, I contemplated my next move. A woman cop poked her head out the window. "Why don't you just come back in here?" she coaxed.

"You'll never take me alive!," I snarled, inching further away.

Just when I was sure things couldn't get any worse, I heard a voice; "Penny Sue! This is your mother speaking!"

Now I knew I had trouble. I looked down. There she was on the sidewalk, bullhorn in hand. "Oh, hi Mom," I called sheepishly.

Being a woman of few words, she used only five: "Get down here right now!"

Uh, oh...I knew that voice. The jig was up.

"Okay, I'm coming in," I yelled.

What happened next is a blur. Someone opened the window behind me, grabbed me around the waist, and pulled me into another office. "Quick! Out this door and down the back stairs..."

I never even saw the face of my rescuer, just a flash of plaid and stripes. Bolting down the back stairway, I cut out the back door, dashed down an alley, and just kept running until my legs couldn't carry me anymore...

So that's how it happened. I hope this helps to clear up some of the rumors. Oh, yeah, I've heard the talk; she hasn't written because she's been in the Betty Ford Clinic. NBC is negotiating to plug her in to their late night schedule in place of David Letterman. But none of the rumors are true. I wanted to write, but I couldn't. And once and for all I want to make it clear that I had nothing to do with the S&L scam.

WHY LAVENDER?

Finding the answer to our Lesbian/Gay Trivia question of last month proved not to be as easy as we had anticipated. The most complete answer comes from Another Mother Tongue, Gay Words, Gay Worlds by Judy Grahn. She says that in 1959, ten years before the Stonewall Riots, her first lover taught her that purple or lavender was the color for lesbians and gays. She notes that in the early seventies a group of radical lesbian/feminists called themselves "The Lavender Menace", Violet Press came into existence, Alix Dobkin recorded "Lavender Jane Loves Women" and lesbian-owned Diana Press published an anthology called "Lavender Herring". There was no organization behind this lavender wave; everyone simply knew that lavender or purple was their color.

Grahn traces the use of purple or lavender in connection with lesbians and gays back to the time of Lesbos and the Golden Age of Greece and even back to the woman-centered cultures that pre-date the patriarchy. Purple, she says, has always been associated with transformation and with spiritual power.

- Mary

DRIFT-WOODS COTTAGES

Two year-around cottages available for womyn on Lake Michigan, ten minutes south of Saugatuck, Michigan. The cottages are heated and fully furnished. The kitchens are well-equipped, and linens and towels are provided for bedroom and bath. The livingrooms have a fireplace with wood provided. Gas grills outdoors for barbecuing. The beach is in front at the foot of the bluff. Hiking trails, sand dunes, cross-country skiing, shops, galleries, restaurants, antique shops nearby.

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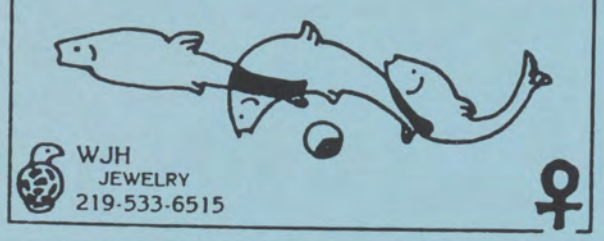

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	1	2	3	4	5	6 WILPF WOMEN'S FESTIVAL 6:30-11:30
7 AA Elkhart 7 P.M.	8 AA South Bend 7 P.M.	9 Support Group 7-9 P.M.	10	11	12 Video Night 7 P.M.	13 AA South Bend 8 P.M.
14	15	16	17	18	19 3rd Friday Out 7 P.M.	20
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OTHER COMING EVENTS...

MAR 3rd - NOW WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION. 7 P.M. St. Joseph County Public Library, Main St. South Bend.

MAR 6th - TRACY DRACH-folk guitarist and singer. Mountain Moving Coffeehouse, Chicago, IL call (312) 561-6544 or (312) 685-8310 for information.

MAR 12th - Newly released movie Claire of the Moon: One woman's journey into her sexual identity. The Irving Theater. Indianapolis.

MAR 13th - AN EVENING OF LESBIAN HEALTH-questions and answers on lesbian health issues. Mountain Moving Coffeehouse.

MAR 16th - YWCA TRIBUTE TO WOMEN. Noon, Century Center, South Bend. Keynote by columnist ELLEN GOODMAN.

MAR 20th - PENNY ROSENWASSER will read from her book, visionary voices; Women on Power. Mountain Moving Coffeehouse

MAR 26th - 4TH INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY DANCE Mountain Moving Coffeehouse.

Pride Action Committee Meeting. Call 287-1302 for time, date and directions.

4th Sunday - P-FLAG Meeting 2-4 p.m., Christ the King Lutheran Church, 17195 Cleveland Rd., South Bend.